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NEW GUIDELINES ON ADVENTURE TOURISM
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a)Whether the Government has issued new guidelines on adventure tourism;

(b) If so, the salient features thereof ;

(c) Whether trampoline bungee, popular with mall crawlers and their children has been ignored under the new guidelines ;

(d) If so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) The corrective steps taken or likely to be taken by the Government in this regard ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CULTURE(SMT. AMBIKA SONI)

(a) & (b): Yes Sir. Ministry of Tourism issued guidelines laying down basic minimum standards for adventure tourism related activities, in order to ensure safety of participants/tourists in such activities as well as minimum acceptable standards in terms of equipment and human resources. These guidelines cover land, air and water based activities which includes mountaineering, trekking, hang gliding, paragliding, bungee jumping and rafting.

(c), (d) & (e): Ministry of Tourism extends Central Financial Assistance to the State/UT Governments for the development of tourism projects including adventure tourism on the basis of proposals received from them subject to availability of funds and inter-se priorities.

Trampoline bungee is mainly an entertainment activity used in shopping malls and therefore not taken into consideration under adventure tourism.

Safety-precautionary measures to prevent any untoward incident are under the purview of the concerned state governments.